

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please amend the paragraph at page 5, lines 3-11 (immediately after the chemical formula occupying lines 1-2) to read as follows:

where $n=2-4$; X is O, RCR^1 ; CR; C ($n=4$), CH ($n=3$), or CH_2 ($n=2$); NH; N; S; and R and/or R^1 is H, OH, a small alkyl group, ~~such as CH_3~~ (such as CH_3), or $(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{NH}_2$ where $m=1-6$. Further included are bisphosphonic acids, which are also known as bisphosphonates, where X is preferably RCR^1 , where R and R^1 groups are chosen independently from OH, $\text{H}_2\text{N}(\text{CH}_2)_2$, or CH_3 . For example, RCR^1 can be $\text{H}_2\text{N}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{C}(\text{OH})$ or CH_3COH . More specifically, the bisphosphonates include etidronic acid ((1-Hydroxyethylidene)bisphosphonic acid) and pamidronic acid ((3-Amino-1-hydroxypropylidene)bisphosphonic acid) where preferably $n=2$.

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